



Choosing your 9th grade SMHS courses

A guide for completing your course selection sheet

Before you complete your blue course selection sheet:

- Visit www.sanmarcoshigh.org to read the *Digital Course Catalog* (on the Counseling Department page) **and** the *AP/Honors courses and Student Testimonials* (home page, left side) for detailed course information.
- Read the yellow *Frequently Asked Questions* sheet.
- Go over the graduation requirements for the class of 2022 (2nd sheet of the blue course selection sheet)
- Go over the A-G (UC/CSU minimum requirements) for college admissions (2nd sheet of the blue course selection sheet).
- Read the AP/Honors information (on the back side of the blue course selection sheet).

Filling out your blue course selection sheet:

- Circle or check (on the left) your **English** course - college prep or honors level (please read course descriptions online).
- Circle or check your **life science** course from the three listed on the course selection sheet.
- Circle or check your **physical education** choice. If you're applying for ISPE, then mark General PE and we will change it if you meet SMUSD's guidelines. Please note 6th period PE is not open to 9th graders.
- Leave your **math** course blank. The SMHS counselors will place you based on your 8th grade math teacher's recommendations.
- Circle or check **two electives** from Visual/Performing Arts, World Languages, Other Electives and/or Career Pathways (CTE).
- In the bottom right corner, please write in **three alternate electives** in case either of your first choice electives is full.
- If you would like a class that requires an application (AVID, ASB, Yearbook, TV News), please choose another course and write your 1st choice course next to it. For example, if you would like to be in TV News, choose another elective with a circle or check and then write TV News in parentheses next to it. This way, if the counselor is notified you made TV News, we know which elective you want to drop for TV News.
- On the bottom left of the course selection sheet, write in the elective you would like to drop if your math teacher recommends you for the Algebra Support class.
- Discuss your selections with your parent/guardian and have him/her sign the sheet.
- *Please note: as of April 2018 Drawing/Painting, Health 1, Floral Design and Digital Photography are full due to high demand from students who will be in grades 10-12.*
- *As of April 2018, there are very few spots available in Woodworking, American Sign Language 1 and Dance 1. Please be sure to choose strong alternate courses.*
- *For May/June/August enrollments, the courses mentioned above will be filled. Students will have the opportunity to request these courses for 10th grade.*